

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

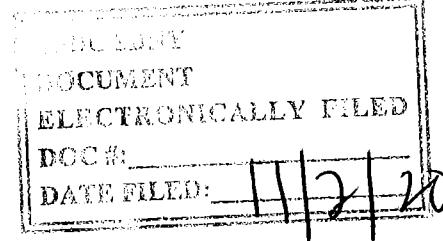
JULIO PEREZ,

Plaintiff,

-against-

DOCCS COMMISSIONER ANTHONY  
ANNUCCI; GHCF SUPERINTENDENT  
GRIFFIN; GHCF MEDICAL SUPERVISOR  
DR. BENTIVEGNA; GHCF MEDICAL  
PROVIDER DR. SILVER; DR. HOLDER,

Defendants.



20-CV-8069 (VB)

ORDER OF SERVICE

VINCENT L. BRICCETTI, United States District Judge:

Plaintiff, currently incarcerated at Green Haven Correctional Facility, brings this pro se action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, alleging that defendants have denied him adequate medical care. By order dated October 16, 2020, the Court granted plaintiff's request to proceed without prepayment of fees, that is, in forma pauperis.<sup>1</sup>

Because plaintiff has been granted permission to proceed IFP, he is entitled to rely on the Court and the U.S. Marshals Service to effect service. Walker v. Schult, 717 F.3d. 119, 123 n.6 (2d Cir. 2013); see also 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d) ("The officers of the court shall issue and serve all process . . . in [IFP] cases."); Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(c)(3) (the court must order the Marshals Service to serve if the plaintiff is authorized to proceed IFP)). Although Rule 4(m) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure generally requires that the summons and complaint be served within 90 days of the date the complaint is filed, plaintiff is proceeding IFP and could not have served the summonses and complaint until the Court reviewed the complaint and ordered that a summonses

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<sup>1</sup> Prisoners are not exempt from paying the full filing fee even when they have been granted permission to proceed IFP. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1).

be issued. The Court therefore extends the time to serve until 90 days after the date the summonses are issued. If the complaint is not served within that time, plaintiff should request an extension of time for service. See Meilleur v. Strong, 682 F.3d 56, 63 (2d Cir. 2012) (holding that it is the plaintiff's responsibility to request an extension of time for service); see also Murray v. Pataki, 378 F. App'x 50, 52 (2d Cir. 2010) ("As long as the [plaintiff proceeding IFP] provides the information necessary to identify the defendant, the Marshals' failure to effect service automatically constitutes 'good cause' for an extension of time within the meaning of Rule 4(m).").

To allow plaintiff to effect service on defendants Annucci, Griffin, Bentivegna, Silver, and Holder through the U.S. Marshals Service, the Clerk of Court is instructed to fill out a U.S. Marshals Service Process Receipt and Return form ("USM-285 form") for each of these defendants. The Clerk of Court is further instructed to issue a summons for each of those defendants and deliver to the Marshals Service all the paperwork necessary for the Marshals Service to effect service upon those defendants.

Plaintiff must notify the Court in writing if his address changes, and the Court may dismiss the action if plaintiff fails to do so.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this order to plaintiff, together with an information package.

The Clerk of Court is further instructed to issue summonses, and complete the USM-285 forms with the addresses, for defendants Annucci, Griffin, Bentivegna, Silver, and Holder, as well as deliver all documents necessary to effect service to the U.S. Marshals Service.

The Court certifies under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith, and therefore IFP status is denied for the purpose of an appeal. Cf.

Coppedge v. United States, 369 U.S. 438, 444-45 (1962) (holding that an appellant demonstrates good faith when he seeks review of a nonfrivolous issue).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 2, 2020  
White Plains, New York



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VINCENT L. BRICCETTI  
United States District Judge

**DEFENDANTS AND SERVICE ADDRESSES**

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